



Rights and Responsibilities

You have a responsibility to:

- Give the County all information needed to determine your eligibility.
- Give the County proof of the information you gave when it is needed.
- Report changes as required. The County will give you information about what, when, and how to report. If you don't meet your household's reporting requirements your CalFresh benefits may be lowered or stopped.
- Look for, get, and keep a job or participate in other work-related activities if the County tells you that it is required in your case.
- Fully cooperate with county, state, or federal personnel if your case is selected for review or investigation to ensure that your eligibility and benefit
- Pay back any benefits that you were not eligible to get.

You have the right to:

- Turn in an application for CalFresh giving only your name, address, and signature.
- Have an interpreter provided by the County at no cost if you need one.
- Have information given to the County kept confidential, unless directly related to the administration of County programs.
- Withdraw your application at any time prior to the County determining eligibility.
- Ask for help to fill out your application for CalFresh and get an explanation of the rules.
- Ask for help to get proof that is needed.
- Be treated with courtesy, consideration and respect, and not be discriminated against.
Be interviewed in a reasonable amount of time by the county when you apply and to have your eligibility determined within 30 days.
- Get at least 10 days to give requested proof to the County that is needed to make a determination of eligibility.
- Get written notice at least 10 days before the County lowers or stops your CalFresh benefits.
- Discuss your case with the county and to review your case when you ask to do so.
- Ask for a state hearing within 90 days if you do not agree with the County about any actions taken on your CalFresh case.
- If you ask for a hearing before an action on your CalFresh case takes place, your CalFresh benefits will stay the same until the hearing or the end of your certification period, whichever is earlier.
- Ask about your hearing rights or for a legal aid referral at the toll-free phone numbers – 1-800-952- 5253 or for hearing or speech impaired who use TDD, 1-800-952-8349. You may get free legal help at your local legal aid or welfare rights office.
- Bring a friend or someone with you to the hearing if you do not want to go alone.
- Get assistance from the County to register to vote.